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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Geerts et al.

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FOR: NEUTROPHIC GROWTH FACTOR

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 13, line 2, delete "or 11".

Cancel claim 16, without prejudice.

52. (Once amended) A method of treating a gastrointestinal disorder characterized [mediated] by [hampered or] impaired gastrointestinal transit, said method comprising administering to a subject an amount of an agonist according to [any of] claim [claims] 35 [50 or 51, or a nucleic acid molecule according to claim 1, or a growth factor according to claim 7] in a sufficient concentration to reduce or prevent the symptoms of said disorder.

54. (Once amended) A method of treating a gastrointestinal disorder characterized [mediated] by increased peristaltic intestinal movement, comprising administering to a